MY WIFE... EMILY...
SHE'S PREGNANT.
I'M GOING TO
BE A DAD...

I HAVE TO...
GO BACK...

ALRIGHT,
THEN.
I'LL LET YOU GO
IF HE TELLS ME TO.

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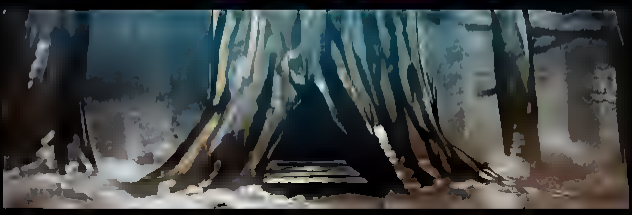


YEAH,
THAT'S RIGHT.
NOW I'LL HAVE
MY OWN FAMILY.

AND I FELT LIKE THE OLD MAN WOULDN'T BE AROUND...
SO I CAME IN..

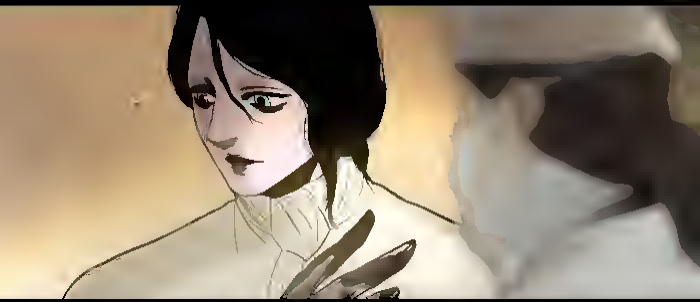
DON T LET
THEM ESCAPE!

I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET FROM OUR MASTER FOR NOW, BUT I CAN'T WAIT AROUND FOREVER.
I'VE GOT TO WIND UP MY SPRING EVENTUALLY.
NOD
I'LL GET IT BACK FOR YOU.
HAPH

LET'S CATCH THEM AND BURN THEM ALIVE!
!!!!!!

Crunch
Slash

IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I FOUND AN ARM IN DECENT SHAPE!
AND YOU ALMOST RUINED IT!
WITH THIS, I MAY BE ABLE TO COMPLETE YOU!
THIS MEANS THAT THE EXPERIMENT MAY SUCCEED! BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR FOOLISHNESS...!
I'M SORRY, MASTER.



WHAT IF ROBBY DOESN'T COME AGAIN TODAY?
SCRIBBLE
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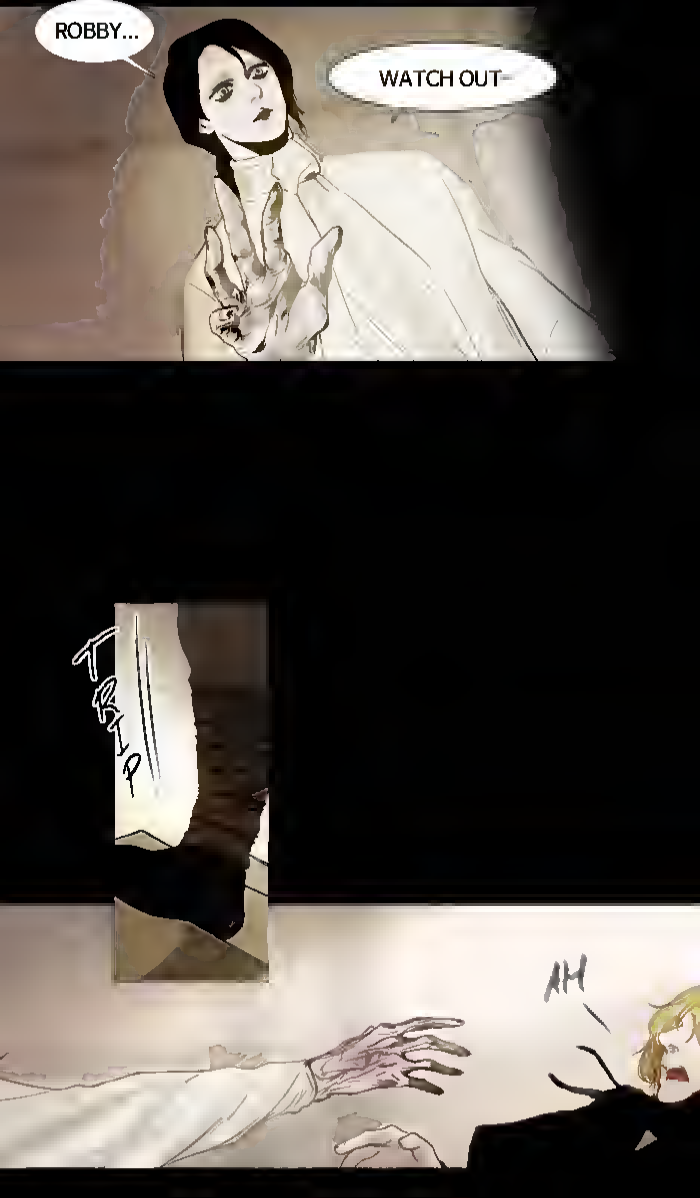
ROBBY...
WATCH OUT
TRIP
AH

IS IT... YOU? ARE YOU THAT MONSTER?
W-WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR ARM!?

PLEASE,
JUST TELL ME
HONESTLY, OKAY?
WHY AREN'T
YOU TALKING?
IS IT HARD TO SAY?
EXPLAIN
THIS SITUATION
TO ME RIGHT NOW!

MUTABLE...
STILL, I'M GLAD WE BROUGHT IT.
MUTABLE...
NOW I CAN FINISH YOU...
MUTABLE...
I HAVE TO COMPLETE YOU...
I HAVE TO...
MY SON...
MUTABLE...

...IS THAT ARM
ANOTHER FAILURE...?
IT SEEMS LIKE IT.
UGH—
CRAP...
... H-HEY...

THE EXPERIMENT WILL SUCCEED.
IT WILL, RIGHT?

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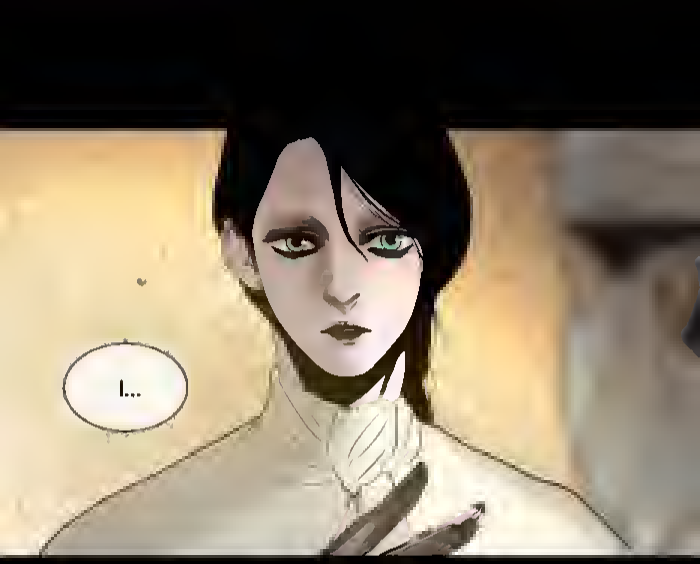
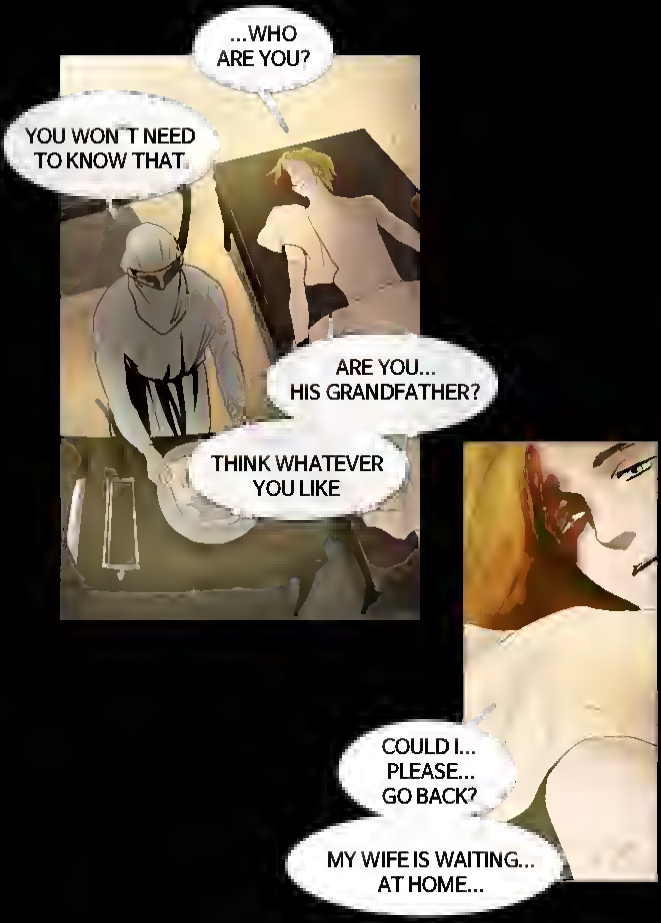
IT HAPPENED IN AN INSTANT.

SEVEN DAYS PASSED AFTER THAT
I COULON'T SEE ROBBY DURING THAT TIME


I...

YOU KNOW THAT SOMEONE LOST AN ARM BECAUSE OF YOU, RIGHT?
HE WANTS HIS ARM BACK.
DO YOU STILL WANT TO JUST LEAVE? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT HIS ARM?

CLASP
WELL? TELL ME.
SQUEEZE
ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM GO?


...WHO ARE YOU?
YOU WON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT.
ARE YOU... HIS GRANDFATHER?
THINK WHATEVER YOU LIKE
COULD I... PLEASE... GO BACK?
MY WIFE IS WAITING... AT HOME...

HEY. THAT ARM...
HOW DID YOU...
INK

WELL THIS COMPLICATES THINGS...

ROBBY!!
YEAH!!
I'M COMING!

I-I JUST.
I HAVEN'T SEEN
YOU IN A WHILE,

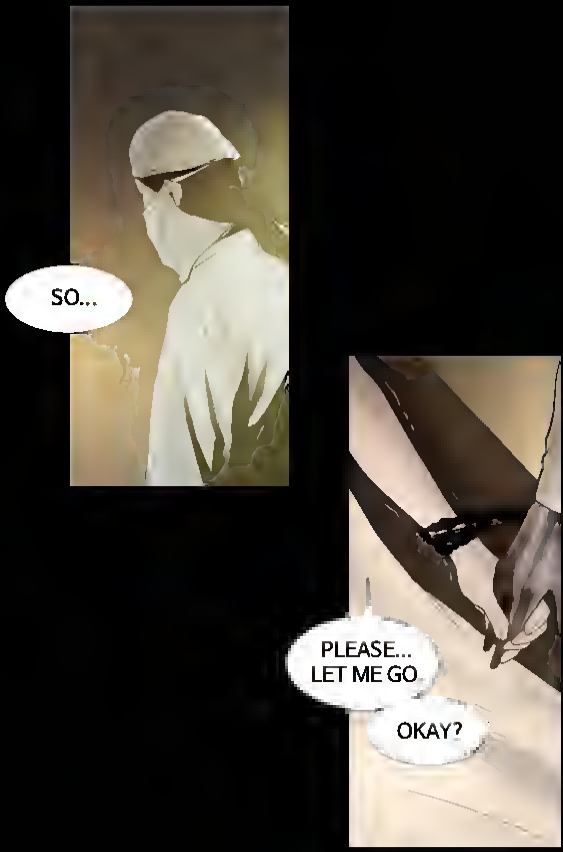
I PICKED THIS UP IN THE FOREST!
I WANTED TO GIVE IT BACK...
A-AND I'VE GOT SOME NEWS FOR YOU...

IF POSSIBLE, COULD YOU EXPLAIN IT TO ME?
HESITATE
IF YOU WANT, I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET.

YOU CAN'T GO BACK LOOKING LIKE THAT, CAN YOU?
THEN... WHAT'S GOING... TO HAPPEN TO ME?
YOU'LL DIE
BUT IT WILL BE A VERY MEANINGFUL DEATH.
BECAUSE YOUR SACRIFICE WILL ALLOW SOMEONE ELSE TO LIVE.
I DON'T WANT... TO DIE NOW. I HAVE TO GO BACK...
MY WIFE IS AT HOME. SHE'S PREGNANT... I'VE GOT A FAMILY.

PLEASE...

GLANCE
THANK.. GOD..
HEY,
I HAVE TO GET BACK HOME.


SO...
PLEASE... LET ME GO
OKAY?

THUD